Projects undertaken in NER

1455. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects going on in the States of North East Region for the welfare of people belonging to weaker section of the societies;

(b) the number of projects undertaken in the region during the last three years and the total amount spent thereon; and

(c) the details of achievements Government have made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements projects under the various schemes/programmes for welfare of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes. The details of projects, amount spent and the achievements made in the North Eastern Region during last three years is as under:

Total projects	Projects undertaken			Amount Spent (Rs. in lakhs)			Achievement made (No. of Beneficiaries)		
running	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
100	105	228	319	2351.67	3602.52	3214.91	45758	72740	84098

Hostels for SC/ST boys and girls

†1456. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide financial assistance for construction of hostels for boys and girls belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether a proposal of rupees 724 lakhs of Government of Madhya Pradesh for the same purpose has been pending with the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) SC Hostels

A proposal for Rs. 1078.08 lakhs for SC Girls and Boys hostel had been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, out of which an amount of Rs. 261.12 lakhs was released during 2005-06.

ST Hostels

A proposal for Rs. 724.00 lakhs was received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 2005-06 for construction of ST Girls and Boys hostels. The same has been released to Government of M.P. during 2005-06 itself.

Care of disabled children

1457. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of disabled children in the country;

(b) the total number of disabled out of them who have got education;

(c) whether the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of lights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is not being implemented to achieve its goal; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Union and State Governments to ensure effective implementation of the Act to benefit the disabled children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):